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SUBJ: ARREST OF COMMITTEE FOR PEACE EMPLOYEE

1. DAILY "LA TERCERA" AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC RADIO BALMACEDA SEPTEMBER 17 REPORTED SEPTEMBER 9 ARREST OF SECRETARY EMPLOYED BY LOCAL CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMITTEE FOR PEACE. COMMITTEE HAS REPORTEDLY FILED WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (-AMPARO") ON BEHALF OF GEORGINA OCARANZA MUNOZ, WHO RADIO SAID IS PREGNANT. REASON FOR DETENTION IS NOT KNOWN, ALTHOUGH RADIO BALMACEDA REPORTED THAT ARRESTORS HAD A WARRANT ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, AND WE ASSUME IT COMES UNDER GOC'S STATE OF SIEGE AUTHORITY.

2. COMMENT: THIS MAY BE FIRST TIME COMMITTEE WORKER HAS BEEN DETAINED BY GOC. SOME COMMITTEE WORKERS ARE SYMPATHETIC TO LEFTIST CAUSE AND FORMER SUPPORTERS OF ALLENDE, AND WE ASSUME SOME CONTACTS ARE MAINTAINED WITH ANTI-JUNTA ELEMENTS. GOC HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN VERY CAREFUL IN HANDLING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND WORKERS, WHICH SUGGESTS PRESENT DETENTION MAY BE RESULT OF ACTION PERCEIVED TO BE TOO BLATANTLY ANTI-GOVERNMENT TO IGNORE.
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